



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6722**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSIONS IN YOUTH ATHLETICS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Youth athletic activity" means an organized athletic activity  
4 involving participants of not less than seven years of age and not more  
5 than nineteen years of age, who (A) engage in an organized athletic  
6 game or competition against another team, club or entity or in practice  
7 or preparation for an organized game or competition against another  
8 team, club or entity, and (B) pay a fee to participate in such organized  
9 athletic game or competition or whose cost to participate in such  
10 athletic game or competition is sponsored by a municipality, business  
11 or nonprofit organization. "Youth athletic activity" does not include  
12 any college or university athletic activity, or an athletic activity that is  
13 incidental to a nonathletic program or lesson; and

14 (2) "Operator" means any municipality, business or nonprofit  
15 organization that conducts, coordinates, organizes or otherwise  
16 oversees any youth athletic activity but shall not include any  
17 municipality, business or nonprofit organization solely providing  
18 access to, or use of, any field, court or other recreational area, whether  
19 for compensation or not.

20 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, each  
21 operator of a youth athletic activity shall make available a written or  
22 electronic statement regarding concussions to each youth athlete and a  
23 parent or legal guardian of each youth athlete participating in the  
24 youth athletic activity. Such written or electronic statement shall be  
25 made available upon registration of each youth athlete and shall  
26 include educational content addressing, at a minimum: (1) The  
27 recognition of signs or symptoms of a concussion, (2) the means of  
28 obtaining proper medical treatment for a person suspected of  
29 sustaining a concussion, (3) the nature and risks of concussions,  
30 including the danger of continuing to engage in youth athletic activity  
31 after sustaining a concussion, and (4) the proper procedures for  
32 allowing a youth athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to  
33 athletic activity.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-149b of the general statutes is  
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
36 *1, 2015*):

37 (a) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school  
38 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit  
39 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or  
40 interscholastic athletics shall complete an initial training course  
41 regarding concussions, [which are a type of brain injury,] developed or  
42 approved pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section,  
43 prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the season of such  
44 school athletics.

45 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school  
46 year thereafter, any coach who has completed the initial training  
47 course described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall annually  
48 review current and relevant information regarding concussions,  
49 prepared or approved pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of  
50 this section, prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the  
51 season of such school athletics. Such annual review shall not be  
52 required in any year when such coach is required to complete the

53 refresher course, pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection, for  
54 reissuance of his or her coaching permit.

55 (3) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
56 year thereafter, a coach shall complete a refresher course, developed or  
57 approved pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section,  
58 not later than five years after completion of the initial training course,  
59 as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching permit to such coach.  
60 Such coach shall thereafter retake such refresher course at least once  
61 every five years as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching permit to  
62 such coach.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-149b(a)

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*